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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action originally dated October 7, 2005, and, subsequently sent *via* email to the undersigned attorney February 27, 2006.

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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Claims 1-13 (Group I).

In response to the requirement to elect a single species, Applicants provisionally elect the species of Figure 3.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 are readable thereon (Group I).

Claims 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23 and 24 are also readable thereon (Group II).

The Applicants having made the provisional election of Group I (Claims 1 through 13) and the provisionally elected species of Figures 1 through 3 (Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 24) do not waive any right to have each of the Claims 1 through 13 examined in the instant application if generic Claim 1 is found to be allowable. Nor do the Applicants waive any right to have any of Claims 1 through 13 or Claims 14 through 24 or other claims supported by the description examined in a subsequently filed continuation, divisional or similar application without any reduction in breadth or scope of the claims. Nor do Applicants waive the priority claim of benefit of prior U.S. provisional application SN 60/463,887 filed April 17, 2003, same title.

It is noted that the Office Action emailed on February 27, 2006, was apparently initially sent *via* U.S. Regular First Class Mail and dated October 7, 2005. The office of the undersigned attorney has carefully reviewed its files and no record of receiving the

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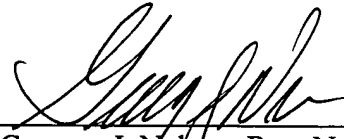
Office Action prior to receiving the email has been found. Office procedure is to daily log in and date stamp all mail from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. The response dates are noted in the office docket system, on the respective file jackets and on a weekly docket report.

5 The email from the Examiner on February 27, 2006, was a result of the undersigned calling the Examiner to determine the status of the application. When the Examiner was advised of non-receipt of the Office Action, the Examiner advised the attorney that the Office Action would be re-sent and that the response should include a statement, as set forth above, concerning non-receipt.

10 A petition for a one month extension and the requisite fee accompany this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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